



## ***Preparing for Public Health Emergencies: Meeting the Challenges in Rural America***

*A conference to enhance public health emergency  
preparedness in rural areas.*

**September 27-28, 2004**  
**University Club of Saint Paul**  
**St. Paul, MN**

*This conference is being held immediately prior  
to the ASTHO and APHL Annual Meetings.*

- Goals:**
1. Identify important as well as unique barriers, and strategies to strengthen public health emergency preparedness in rural areas.
  2. Identify recommendations for federal and state policies regarding funding, capacity-building and research.
  3. Form an ongoing group of public health advocates committed to advancing emergency public health preparedness in rural areas.
  4. Publish and disseminate conference proceedings.

**Target Audience:** Federal, state, and local public health officials; federal and state rural health agency staff; rural health advocates; elected officials; foundation staff; and emergency management personnel.

### **Sponsoring Organizations:**

- Harvard School of Public Health Center for Public Health Preparedness
- Maine Center for Public Health
- Maine Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health, Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness
- Texas A&M University School of Rural Public Health, Office of Special Projects
- University of North Carolina School of Public Health
- University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health, Center for Rural Health Practice and Center for Public Health Preparedness

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